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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1315

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Automated Traffic Control Systems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Friend

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes the State Police Department (SPD) to install an automated traffic control system in a construction or maintenance zone where the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) or the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) has established temporary maximum speed limits.

The bill provides: (1) for issuance of a citation for a violation of the temporary maximum speed limit by an electronic traffic ticket; and (2) that if the operator of the motor vehicle cannot be identified by means of the photograph or recorded image generated by an automated traffic control system, an electronic traffic ticket may not be mailed or given to the owner or operator of the motor vehicle.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Potential costs to the SPD include the red light camera and sensors. The Federal Highway Administration estimates that a red light camera costs approximately \$50,000. Installation and sensors cost about \$5,000.

The bill also requires the SPD to install advance warning signs in the construction or maintenance zone indicating that an automated traffic control system is in use in the area. The estimated fiscal impact for the signs will depend upon the number of signs needed. The cost for one sign is \$60, \$95, or \$175, depending upon the size.

In addition, there will be costs to the SPD for conducting a public information campaign to inform operators of motor vehicles concerning the use of automated traffic control systems in construction and maintenance zones.

The funds affected for the SPD are the state General Fund, the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, and the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund, all of which support the operation of the SPD.

The bill also establishes certain defenses that may be raised in a proceeding against a person alleged to have violated a temporary maximum speed limit.

Background Information- “Automated traffic control system” means (1) a photographic device; (2) a radar device; (3) a laser device, or (4) another electrical or mechanical device designed to record the speed of a motor vehicle and obtain a clear photograph or other recorded image of the motor vehicle, the operator of the motor vehicle, and the registration number of the license plate of the motor vehicle.

Explanation of State Revenues: There may be additional revenue accruing because of the increased enforcement, which may help to offset the costs of the program.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: A local authority that establishes a temporary maximum speed limit is required to maintain records which indicate the location of the worksite zones, the temporary speed limit set and posted for the worksite zone, and the dates when the temporary maximum speed limit was in effect. Expenditures will vary by locality.

Explanation of Local Revenues: There may be additional revenue accruing because of the increased enforcement, which may help to offset the costs of the program.

State Agencies Affected: SPD; INDOT; IFA.

Local Agencies Affected: Units which impose temporary maximum speed limits.

Information Sources: Federal Highway Administration web page.

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